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## Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for submitting Appellants' Brief on Appeal be extended three (3) months from November 13, 2000, to February 13, 2001, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$890.00 for a three (3) month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 345393. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 04983.0151.00US01. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted

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